

23 May 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Ch/D/E

SUBJECT: EDIC's Role in Research Programming for Economic Defense

Refs: Memorandum of 12 May 1955 from Acting Chief, D/E/RR to AD/RR
on "EDIC - 1956 Model"
Memorandum of 17 May 1955 from Ch/C/RR to AD/RR - Same Subject

1. The following background of EDIC participation in this subject is presented for your information:

a) IWG/M-66 states that "CIA has urged the Executive Committee to make known its expected intelligence needs during the coming year. The Chairman of that Committee has declared his intention of preparing such a statement of needs which will be distributed to IWG for discussion, comment and allocation of agency production responsibilities."

b) IWG/M-67 (26 October 1954) reports on the first meeting of the Wright ad hoc committee and states, in part, that "The principal conclusions in the [redacted] report are to be discussed with intelligence specialists, and a program of research formulated to provide more adequate support to economic defense."

c) EDIC/M-3 (15 December 1954), referring to evaluation of the Schelling report, states that "meaningful research requirements, formulated on the basis of this report and its evaluation, are to be submitted to the EDIC by [redacted] Special Working Group for 25X1A9a appropriate action."

d) EDIC/M-7 (6 April 1955) indicates that Mr. Tilsen "is chairman of a subcommittee of the ad hoc working group which is formulating a detailed statement for EDIC of research requirements for economic defense."

e) EDIC/M-9 (9 May 1955) describes the extended discussion which took place on the subject of "Research Programming for Economic Defense." A copy is attached.

2. I would suggest, therefore, that although EDIC has discussed this subject from time to time, it has not taken definitive action in this regard. To the contrary, at the last meeting it was decided that EDIC action on the matter "will be postponed pending completion of action now being taken by Mr. Tilsen and the [redacted] group." 25X1A9a

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